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Grady Kellogg with some of the toys he has collected at "We've Got the Look," for the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital.

A Wight Chapman

## Newry works on six-month budget

By ALISON ALOISIO

Newry selectmen Tuesday discussed some budget items for inclusion in a six-month municipal budget, to be voted upon at the March annual Town Meeting.

The six-month budget is

part of a transition process to change from a calendar year budget format to a fiscal year (July 1-June 30) one. The six-month budget will cover Jan. 1-June 30, 2017.

Another Town Meeting is expected in May, to vote on a full-year budget

for July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

Among items discussed Tuesday was a town website redesign, at an estimated cost of \$2,500-\$3,500.

The redesign would allow the town to make its own changes to the website as needed over time, Town

Administrator Amy Bernard said.

Currently, the town pays a consultant to make those changes, she said.

An upgrade to the town's GIS mapping system is also needed, she said, but

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## County recycling question defeated; confusion cited

By LESLIE DIXON  
Sun Media

Confusion over a ballot question in the Nov. 8 general election appears to have led to the overwhelming defeat of a plan to terminate the joint recycling agreement and the Oxford County Regional Recycling Corporation.

Voters in more than half the remaining 15 Oxford County towns, townships and plantations involved in the regional program, either voted not to terminate the joint recycling agreement or agreed to hold off on the vote until

til a future town meeting during the Nov. 8 general election.

In July, Oxford County Regional Recycling Corp. took the first step to dissolve the organization when 12 of the remaining 15 municipalities voted to dissolve the corporation by putting it out to a vote.

The 20-year-old organization originally involved about 20 communities, but over the years some towns, like Waterford, have opted out to pursue other avenues such as single-stream recycling at their transfer station.

Escalating transporta-

tion costs and a move toward single-stream recycling made the county recycling program obsolete, corporation officials said.

According to the agreement, member towns had to hold a referendum to make sure each town wanted to terminate the program. The majority of the towns had to pass the measure by a two-thirds vote.

But of the remaining 15 towns only Otisfield, Norway, Paris, Bethel, Greenwood, Woodstock, Newry and Livermore voted on the request in local refer-

endum questions during the Nov. 8 general election.

Others will have a vote at future town meetings. One town, Hanover, was unaware a vote to terminate was taking place, said OCRRC Chairman Janet Jamison.

Jamison, who said she was appointed chairman of the OCRRC in recent months, said confusion by voters who may have felt a "yes" vote would end recycling, led to the defeat of the measure.

"A lack of marketing and due diligence by board reps led to this failure," said Jamison, who was appointed chairman of the OCRRC with a mandate to shut down the "unnecessary" entity (OCRRC).

Some town officials agreed with Jamison's assessment of the defeat.

Warren Sessions, of the OCRRC recycling station

## Fourth grader celebrates season with toy drive

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

Grady Kellogg is a small boy, but he has a big heart.

In this season of giving, the nine-year-old is collecting toys, coloring books, and art supplies for donation to the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center.

An active fourth-grader at Woodstock Elementary School who keeps busy playing several sports and taking saxophone lessons, Grady hopes the donations will be helpful to children who have to be hospitalized during the holidays.

Although he said he has never had to stay in a hospital himself, he understands that time can pass slowly for kids who have to be away from their family, friends, and usual activities.

He got the idea to help after seeing a YouTube video about a similar effort.

"I was just sitting on the couch, and I saw a video about a toy drive," Grady said.

Children in the video were collecting toys to donate to a children's hospital to help young patients pass the time during their hospital stays.

Grady thought about the video for a while, then,

he said, "I told my mom I wanted to do a toy drive, too."

His mother, Heather Kellogg, contacted the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital and learned that they would be happy to accept donations of new toys in original packaging for distribution to their pediatric patients.

Grady created large collection boxes for the toys with information about his project posted on the side.

He placed one in the office at his school, and another at We've Got the Look, a hair salon on Walkers Mills Road that is owned by his aunt, Holly Roberts. When Grady stopped in at We've Got the Look last week, he was excited to see that his collection box was filling up with donations of toys and art supplies.

Roberts told him she had also received a number of cash donations, which she will use to shop for additional toys and supplies from the list of suggested donations provided by the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital.

The list includes art supplies like sketch pads, coloring books, crayons, markers, and colored pencils; toy trucks, cars, and trains; picture books and

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## Bethel to do sewer usage inventory

By ALISON ALOISIO

The Town of Bethel will soon undertake an inventory of sewer users in order to assess the use status of each property, Town Manager Christine Landes told selectmen last week.

The information will be used in the town's ongoing review of the user fee structure, with a goal of making it more equitable.

"We need to know what we have out there," Landes said.

As part of the inventory, some sewer users may be contacted by letter, she said.

The fairness of the fee structure has been debated for several years, since Bethel re-categorized some older apartment buildings as multiple units to be charged as separate "dwelling units," rather than as entire buildings. Attempts to adjust the fees structure since then have drawn criticism alternately from single-family homeowners and apartment building owners.

### TOWN SALARIES UPED FOR NEW LAW

Also last week selectmen approved increasing the salaries of the town clerk and finance officer in order to comply with a Dec. 1 change in federal overtime law. The salaries will go from \$44,304 each to \$47,476 each.

The law requires that salaried employees in certain categories be paid overtime if they make less than \$47,476. To avoid that, some companies/entities are raising salaries that are under but close to that amount so the employees may continue to work hours as needed, while other companies are keeping compensation the same but directing the employees to avoid overtime.

The Bethel Waste Water Treatment Plant supervisor position was made hourly at the employee's request, Landes said, with overtime allowed only when approved or in cases of emergency.

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## Letters

### CHRISTMAS FOR FAMILIES

#### To the Editor:

We would like to let people know that we have the applications ready for any who could use some help this time of year. Christmas for Families tries to send something for all ages as we are all children at heart and it is always nice to receive as well as to give.

Also, we would like to take this time to say "Thank You" to all who have already donated to this great cause. We have been doing this in Bethel for more than 35 years and it is always such a great time of year as so many are willing to help others. I see this year-round in our community, from helping families who have lost their homes to fires right to the top with children and their families fighting cancer.

We are already planning a Fund Raiser on Dec. 4 at 2 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon at the American Legion in Locke Mills. Please save the date. There will be a raffle with more than 50 gifts to give away. You can play Bingo, have a luncheon and buy from the bake sale. Hope that you can make it. Have fun with your friends and family and help make a better Christmas for others. We look forward to seeing you.

Nina Wheeler, Director  
Christmas for Families

### ROTARY CLUB EVENTS

#### To the Editor:

Join us at our events this holiday season.

Sunday, Nov. 27 is our fall Country Breakfast, an all-you-can-eat pancake buffet breakfast served at Ordway Hall at Gould Academy, Church Street, Bethel. It's from 7:30 a.m.-11 a.m. and adults are \$8 (\$10 at the door) and children \$5. Tickets may be purchased at [www.BethelRotary.org](http://www.BethelRotary.org) or from any Rotarian. Proceeds from the breakfast benefit Rotary's local scholarships and community projects.

Greater Bethel Area Senior Citizens ... please join us for the Rotary's Annual Senior Luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 13, starting at noon at the Lockes Mills American Legion Hall. Share in fellowship and feast on a ham dinner with all the fixins.

The Christmas for Children program celebrates its 29th year in 2016. Rotarians will again be "Ringing the Bell" at the Bethel Foodliner this December. More than 88 families and more than 190 children in our area will have a happier Christmas this year because of your donations. Contributions may be sent to Christmas for Children, Rotary Bethel Foundation, PO Box 471, Bethel ME 04217.

The Bethel Rotarians thank you the community for all your support throughout the year and wish you a very wondrous holiday season!

Michele Varuolo Cole  
President-Elect  
Rotary Club of Bethel

### Newry

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that can be done later.

Also discussed was including a recreation "subsidy" in the six-month budget. The town of Bethel has dropped its surcharge for non-Bethel residents participating in Bethel recreational programs, but Bethel is requesting funds from Newry to subsidize the cost of children using the program. About 15 Newry youngsters participated last summer.

The Newry selectmen agreed to include a couple of hundred dollars to cov-

er spring sports participation.

Also okayed was a proposal to buy a new printer to do motor vehicle registrations, at an estimated cost of \$750-\$1,000.

The board decided to put off third party (such as nonprofit organizations) requests for funding until the May Town Meeting, since most of those funds are paid out in August, Bernard said.

The selectboard meets next on Dec. 6 at 7:30 a.m. at the Town Office.

### Open Air

#### By Tom Remington

### The Buck That Got Away

For many, excitement of the annual rite of passage - deer hunting - swelled a bit after the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (DIFW) announced they were increasing the allotment of Any-Deer Permits because last winter was so mild that deer were growing out of tree stumps and falling out of the sky. In Zone 12 (Bethel region), Any-Deer Permits jumped from zero to 379...sort of (another story).

I knew better, but...

I find it odd that mild weather, as reported by the experts, so easily results in a growth in wild animals such as deer and at the same time, causes a decrease in the growth of wild animals, such as deer. I think there's an inconvenient truth there somewhere...or a convenient falsehood.

Because, according to experts, deer won't grow in Maine due to, "it's on the 'northern fringe' of its range," deer hunters should welcome man's claim to global warming. If the climate in Maine is warming, however, the deer haven't discovered it yet. My insanity is, I keep heading into the woods thinking this year things will be different.

I made my own annual pilgrimage to Hunting Camp with expectations soaring, believing I might actually spot a deer in the woods. With DIFW's increase - by 60 percent - of permits, surely just spotting a deer, the chances would increase.

Experience with hunting the near 1,000 acres surrounding Hunting Camp, told me that the "big boys" might be holed-up on the south side of the mountain, basking in the sunlight of a crisp November day and staying out of the wind. I headed there.

When the old twitch road ended, I continued to head uphill. The climb was different from the flat earth of Florida I have grown accustomed to in the past 20 years. I persisted.

The deep oak and beech leaves made movement noisy as well as slippery. As I got closer to the summit, the terrain steepened and more numerous and larger rocks protruded from the piles of rotting leaves.

I was moving as slowly and quietly as I could - in dried leaves and with an aging body. As always, unexpectedly, the buck dashed downhill out in front of me, perhaps a mere 10 yards away. I had to be sure it was not a doe. I scanned for antlers. Nothing!

My heart rate quickened, pounding so hard that it even muffled the crash of leaves caused by the bounding, near slow motion of the escaping animal. What a feeling! This was the thrill and excitement I have missed for several years.

It had been so many years since I successfully stalked wild game, I think I have lost my edge. The "buck" was but a mere buck rabbit. He was a monster, though. I'm guessing he would have woods-dressed at 4.8 or 4.9 pounds. I knew this from the pounding of his feet as he took long and graceful leaps, zig-zagging as he fled danger.

The fur on the critter was white and gray. Not sure I'd seen so much gray on a snowshoe hare at this time of year before. He looked very healthy - perhaps a rare leftover from the several coyotes that in past years have dominated the landscape. Maybe that's why this rabbit was big.

A real trophy.

A brief thought came to me that perhaps a young entrepreneur should strike up a rabbit watching business, but as quickly dismissed the thought realizing a climate controlled SUV probably couldn't drive up the side of the mountain to find the rabbits.

Next year I know things will be different.

Insanity!

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

**10 years ago:** Telstar High School's Twenty-one Bethel area Red Hat Ladies attended a luncheon at the Gideon Hastings House.

**Birth:** Kamilah Alexa Villanueva.

**Deaths:** Marilyn E. Bell, Eleanor F. Nelson, John Kendall Brown.

**20 years ago:** The non-profit Bethel Data Corporation had more than 100 subscribers for its low-cost Internet access, and the number was steadily growing.

Ice near the shore of Umbagog Lake was about two inches thick.

**Births:** Kyler Babcock Walker, Jade Adriana Morin, Chloe Brianna Krekelberg, Isaac Malabre Mills.

**Deaths:** Horace L. Cobb, Bernard S. Fitzmorris, Daniel K. Lamontagne.

**30 years ago:** A 40x43-foot addition was being constructed at Ledgeview Home in West Paris to be used as a lobby, gift store, and office space.

The Bethel Inn opened its ski touring center Nov. 22, becoming the first local center to offer groomed trails for the new season.

**Birth:** Jarod Blake Verill.

**Death:** Blanche O. Bennett.

**40 years ago:** World War I veterans George Powers, Maynard Chase, Charlie Andrews, Irving Martine, Alanson Cummings, and Paul Head participated in the Veterans Day parade at Locke Mills.

Swine flu vaccine clinics were being held throughout the area.

The monthly meeting of the Senior Citizens was held at Sunday River Inn with 81 attending.

**Deaths:** Miss Margaret Olson; Sidney O. Bartlett, Leonard A. Porter.

**50 years ago:** The home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Butters on the Northwest Bethel Road was gutted by fire, and suffered considerable water damage.

Ten members of the MYF, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Walker and Rev. Donald Hess, visited the Shaker Village at Sabbathday Lake.

**Births:** Darren Edward White, Steven Edward Tibbets.

**Death:** Mrs. Susan E. Capen.

**60 years ago:** Christmas Club checks totaling \$21,627 were mailed by the Bethel branch of Casco Bank & Trust Co. to 228 club members.

**Death:** Mrs. Mary E. Lapham.

**70 years ago:** The proceeds of the annual Christmas sale of the Methodist Church was \$450.

Three flocks of wild geese were seen flying north the week of Nov. 15.

The Junior Philharmonic Orchestra of Portland made an appearance at the Bingham Gymnasium.

**Death:** Mrs. Annie C. Gordon.

**80 years ago:** A meeting for all of those interested in forming a Winter Sports Club was held in the rooms over Rowe's store.

George Bennett bought the George Auger property in West Bethel.

**Deaths:** Mrs. Cora Twitchell, Fred I. Brown.

**90 years ago:** "Johnnie's Bridge" below Locke Mills was replaced with one of cement. The approaches were also made more safe.

**110 years ago:** A local telephone line was being built from the Bethel central to the stock farm at Northwest Bethel owned by Wm. C. Chapman. Poles were also being set for a new line from Bethel over Howe Hill to Locke's Mills.

John Martin, Rumford Point, went to Greenwood and bought a yoke of oxen to log in the lumber on the Bragg farm.

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**TELSTAR NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SENIOR CITIZEN THANKSGIVING DINNER**-The THS National Honor Society held its annual dinner for area senior citizens Sunday at the school's cafeteria. Some 200 seniors turned out. Here, NHS members speak to the gathering before food is served.

A. Aloisio



## Toys

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board books; play kitchen toys; and rattles and teething toys for infants. All toys and supplies must be new and in original packaging, and should not be gift-wrapped, al-

though the hospital is also happy to receive donations of wrapping paper and gift bags.

Grady's collection boxes will be at WES and We've Got the Look until

Saturday, Dec. 3, after which he and his family will organize all the donations and prepare them for delivery to the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital on the weekend of Dec. 10.

## Bethel

By DON BENNETT



### We're Going Live Tomorrow

"Thank You and Good Night" by the Senior

College Players started off at the director's desk of the Bethel Radio Theater WMSC with Ross Timberlake on the phone - the opening acts featured the flailing around by the cast who, faced with several lapses and glitches, were unready to handle "We're Going Live Tomorrow." It was a full house that watched as the story unfolds at the McLaughlin Auditorium.

Great hiking at Barker Mountain Sunday River has set

Nov. 23 as its opening day. Last year Oct. 19 was opening day. Saturday morning I went up to the Barker Mt. Lodge to see if I could find any snow. On one trail way up you could see some snow along a free line boundary of one trail. As I was starting back to the main lodge, a party of about eight people was starting out to hike up the main lift line trail. This group had a fine sunny day for their hike.

### Remembering Mike O'Donnell

More often than not Mike and I would meet near the Bethel Post Office at mail time in the middle to late morning. One day in August 2008, Mike asked me if I would include a letter from him to the people of Bethel in the coming week's Bethel news.

day or two later I received his letter which started by saying he had just read in Danna Nickerson's column that it was 40 years ago that he had opened his law office on Main Street. Mike wrote that "As I look back on the past 40 years I find that I don't have time to count the many, many blessings while residing in Bethel. If I had any part of the past four decades to change I can't think of anything that I would want to alter.... But more importantly, I want to say to the community, past and present, THANK YOU!"

Mike's letter was in the

Sept. 4, 2008, Bethel news. Message from 1931 by George Thompson

Eighty-five years ago during the early depression year of 1931, Bethel's George Thompson wrote this public letter to the citizens of 1956 and 1981. Mr. Thompson, Superintendent of the N.S. Stowell mill in Bethel after moving here in 1924, was one of the town's most respected, well-educated citizens. He wrote his paper for the 1931 Bethel Citizen Special Edition.

Some excerpts of Message are, "The writer would like to convey to

## Ring found; owner sought

A Masonic ring was found in the Telstar High School parking lot before Sunday's annual National Honor Society Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner. The owner is asked to contact SAD 44 Supt. Dave Murphy at 824-2185.

the people who will take our places 25 or 50 years from now, some of the habits, customs, thoughts and pleasures of the average person living in Bethel in 1931, so that you who may read this in 1956 or 1981 (or 2011) may compare your lot with ours. About everyone has an automobile of some kind, which will travel over our roads safely at the rate of 45 miles per hour. The majority of these cars cost approximately \$600 new, and 70 percent of the cars one sees are in this class, about 60 percent being purchased on the installment plan."

"About everyone has a radio, this being invented only about eight years ago and every day becoming more active as a source of pleasure and interest. Recently we have heard a great deal of television, but as yet it has not been placed on the market."

George and Grace Thompson built the very attractive cottage on the corner of Church Street and Winter Streets opposite the Gould Academy field house.

To read more: [http://www.thebetheljournals.info/1931/Bethel\\_1931.pdf](http://www.thebetheljournals.info/1931/Bethel_1931.pdf)

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**Bethel**

By LINDA HGWE



Hello, Bethel Citizen Readers - Happy Thanksgiving to all!

I am always thankful for opportunities to take in a live musical performance. Good live music has an energy and intimacy that can't be captured through recordings. On Sunday I got to experience a new fine arts venue up in Gorham, N.H. It is located at the Gorham Town Hall, a brick building with

a white clock tower located near the town public green with a railway station across the street. According to the website this building was built in 1915 but burnt to the ground in 1917. The Town Hall was rebuilt in 1918.

By 2005 the Opera House needed renovations and finally reopened in 2011. The Gorham Board of Selectmen chose to rename the space The Medallion Opera House because they wanted to recognize the historical aspect, along with the eight-foot ceiling medallion. This building is an excellent example of citizens working together

to make a historical building a vibrant part of their community serving as the town hall with municipal offices, police station, and fine arts venue.

Patrick Ross and Hot Flannel is a bluegrass group that played on Sunday afternoon. Patrick plays the violin with bandmates playing guitar, stand-up bass, mandolin, and banjo. This group was incredibly talented with lightening speed chord changes and insanely fast strumming. They blended their instruments with such ease and versatility. Patrick Ross comes from a Franco-American family

living in Berlin, N.H. At the age of 12, the community had a benefit to raise money to send him to an exclusive violin school in Nashville, Tenn. He is a virtuoso on the violin. This group was highly entertaining and much fun.

In Bethel we have some live, musical events coming up at our local churches. On Sunday, Dec. 4 at 4 p.m. our very own Maquoosuc Community Band will present its annual concert at the West Parish Congregational Church located on Church St. This concert will be a mix of traditional music and Christmas favorites. It is always

fun seeing our friends, neighbors, co-workers and fellow citizens in this talented community band. Donations will be accepted at the door to help defray the cost of music.

On Thursday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. the Bethel United Methodist Church located on Main Street will provide the venue for the Gould Academy Chamber Ensemble. The Chamber Ensemble is directed by Gould's Edison Quinatao and coached by Thomas Mesa through the distance learning partnership between Gould and the Manhattan School of Music. It is amazing how technology can connect long distance teachers and students to enhance learning. What a fantastic opportunity for a high school student who has a passion for playing an instrument at a high level of performance. The instrumentation for this ensemble includes four violins, two cellos, three flutes, and piano. This concert is free and open to the public.

There are two literary events also taking place in Bethel on Wednesday, Nov. 30. Story Time takes place at 10 a.m. At 6:30 p.m. there will be a reading and book signing with Anne Morin at the Bethel Library.

Folks with news or events can reach me at 824-2328 or email at lhowe7273@gmail.com

**East Bethel**

By WALLY RITZ



Just as I sat down to write, this bleak rainy Sunday afternoon turned bright and

sunny, with the remaining raindrops sparkling on tree branches. I find it hard to believe that we are already half way through November.

On the weekend of Nov. 12, Dory and her husband Carlton Thurston of Durham, were here to visit Arlene Harrington. They enjoyed a nice visit together.

Please, don't forget to call me at 507-1008 or email heinrichcracker@gmail.com. I always love the phone calls and emails.

Here is the answer to the Trivia question: Urban C. Bartlett, Jr. was honored by the State Grange as Maine's Tree Farmer of the Year.

I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy the Holiday with family and friends. Those who have to travel, be safe. Happy Thanksgiving.

**Hanover**

By MARIA HOLLOWAY



Congratulations to Kory Harrington who got his very first deer,

a 131 lb. 6-pointer. Both Kory and Mom are very proud.

Many of you enjoyed the first ever appearance of singer-songwriter and guitarist Denny Breau in Hanover at this year's Celebration of Fall. You will have another chance to hear him in concert this coming weekend. Denny will be joined by Mark Miller and Arlo West this Sunday, Nov. 27 at 1 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, 490 Pleasant St., Lewiston. The trio will perform a variety of blues, jazz, and original compositions.

Don't miss the largest Christmas Parade in the State of Maine this Saturday, Nov. 26 beginning at 11 a.m. The parade starts on Main Street in Norway and ends at Market Square in South Paris with many good viewing spots along the way.

This year's theme is "The Sounds of Christmas." Following the parade be sure to stop by the Festival of Trees, located at Twin Town Plaza, 243 Main St, South Paris (next to Olympia Sports.) There will be many beautifully decorated trees on display. You may purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win your favorite tree. All proceeds from this annual fundraiser will go to Right Start and food pantries in the Oxford Hills. The event is free and open to the public.

Happy Thanksgiving to all.

**Andover**

By JANE RICH



I'm not in possession of much news this week as I spent three days at the CMMC hospital trying to get my A-Fib under control, which so far has seemed to work.

The deer count in Andover now stands at 39. I also know there are at least two other deer running around with wounds.

They were shot, but evidently have their healing and protection devices because the prudent hunters, after much searching could not find them.

The next Snow Valley Sno-Goers Snowmobile Club meeting will be held

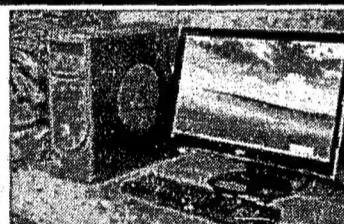


Left: The Senior College Players at their Saturday performance; above, George Thompson; below, hikers enjoy the nice day Saturday on Barker Mountain slopes at Sunday River. See Bethel Bennett column for more. D. Bennett; Goddard Studio (Thompson photo)

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**The Way I See It**

by Sharon Bouchard

There was much excitement for this family last week when my oldest grandson proposed to his girlfriend of five years. High school sweethearts.

Reese was so romantic and imaginative in the way he did this that it just about burst this grandmother's heart with pride not to mention the tear or two that slipped from my eyes.

The girlfriend, Ezabel, was led on a scavenger hunt that Reese set up with written clues leading her to the next written clue. Several pointers took Ezabel to many locations and two towns with the final clue at my house, which led her to the park where she and Reese first met.

She found Reese in the gazebo where he presented her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers then on bended knee he said: "We have been together for five years and I would like to spend the rest of my life with you, will you marry me?" Of course, she said "yes," and he placed the ring on her finger. That is just so romantic. I don't think we give young people enough credit when it comes to matters of the heart.

I wish I could say that

I have such a romantic memory of my engagement, but sadly I do not. My husband, bless his romantic heart handed me a diamond ring (very small diamond) that he had found in a mud puddle long before I met him.

He said that if I was willing to wear the ring he guessed I could consider it an engagement ring and we should probably get married. Needless to say, I wore the ring.

Engagement rings were not always part of the proposal process. Sometime, probably in the sixth century according to historians, the groom was expected to split something of value, like a piece of gold or silver and give half of it not to the bride to be but to her father. On the wedding day, the other half of the item of value also went

to the father. I suspect the bride had little say about any of this.

Betrothal rings first started showing up sometime in the 16th century again according to historians and might be of any material that could be fashioned into a ring. Again, I don't think the bride to be had much choice in the matter, and the betrothal ring was used more like a brand of ownership than a romantic symbol.

In the 17th century, same historians, the betrothal ring became known as an engagement ring for whatever reason, and the diamond became the stone of choice. I think at this point in history with the exception of some cultures the bride-to-be did have a choice whether to accept the ring or not.

We've come a long way baby and Ezabel readily accepted her engagement ring making not only Reese but the whole family quite happy. No wedding date has been set, but I'm sure that when that time comes, Reese will make the wedding vows as extraordinary as the engagement and the way I see it even his grandfather will appreciate the romance of it all.

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I headed for Auburn. We met up with Bob and Judy Bishop at the First Universalist Church of Auburn where the Gingerbread Fair (a Christmas Craft Fair) was going on. Lots of interesting items, from books to gift baskets, and a table of home baked goodies. Lunch was being served and dessert was gingerbread. We picked up a few items and certainly some items from the food table. While we were there, I had a nice conversation with a woman named, Anne, who was helping Bob with the book sale table. She actually knew where Gilead was! Judy had filled her in on some of the happening at the Gilead Historical Society.

We missed the musical program, which was Phil House at the piano. That

## NAMI Maine offers mental health First Aid in Western Maine

NAMI Western Mountains, Maine affiliate announces upcoming NAMI Mental Health First Aid courses in Fryeburg and Bethel. Mental Health First Aid is a national best-practice, evidenced-based certification course. It is eight hours long and leads to a three-year certification issued by the National Council on Behavioral Health. It is like regular First Aid, but it teaches you how to help someone experiencing a mental health problem or crisis to help keep the situation from escalating until professional help arrives. You will learn to identify, understand and respond to signs of addiction and mental health problems. The courses are free to participants with a \$5. lunch fee (provided by The First Congregational Church on Main St.) This course is for anyone who lives, works, or interacts with adolescents ages 12 to 18 on a regular basis: parents, family, teachers, caregivers, neighbors, etc.

On Friday, Dec. 2, there will be an Adult Mental Health First Aid course offered in Fryeburg at the Legion Hall on Bradley Street. This course is for anyone age 16 or older who lives, works or interacts with persons age 18 or over and wants to learn how to help a person experiencing a mental health challenge.

On Friday, Dec. 16, there will be a Youth Mental Health First Aid course offered at the West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel. This course focuses on recognizing and responding to mental health challenges in adolescents/teens.

For more information and to register for any of these courses, go to <http://www.namimaine.org/events/> or call NAMI Maine: 1-800-464-5767 ext. 2320. For local information, you may call NAMI Western Mountains, ME affiliate leader Dottie Adams, 364-2197.

## WMNF mineral management

The White Mountain National Forest is in the process of improving the management of the minerals resource across the forest. Due to a significant increase in mineral collecting activity, the Forest Service is concerned about adverse natural resource impacts and the sustainability of the minerals resource for future generations. To address these concerns, we are exploring strategies for the management of our mineral resource with the goal of providing collecting opportunities that will be sustainable into the future.

Three meetings are planned for anyone interested in discussing future improvements to the minerals program. The information collected will better inform management decisions. Meetings include a 6 p.m. one on Thursday, Dec. 1, Androscoggin Ranger District, 300 Glen Road, Gorham, N.H.

If you are unable to attend, please submit comments to Rick Alimi [r.alimi@fs.fed.us](mailto:r.alimi@fs.fed.us), or to the Saco Ranger District, 33 Kancamagus Hwy, Conway, N.H. 03818. There will be an additional public comment period once the formal planning process begins. Additional questions can be directed to Alimi at 603-447-5448.

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## Great ideas for the perfect Thanksgiving Day Feast!

### Happening Around Town

#### Grand Thanksgiving Buffet at The Bethel Inn Resort Thursday, November 24

Start a tradition and spend Thanksgiving with our family at The Bethel Inn Resort. Our spectacular Grand Buffet is served from 1pm - 5pm in our Main Dining Room. Roasted Turkey with all the fixings, a Steamship Round carving station, seasonal salads, shrimp & smoked seafood display, home-baked desserts & more. Larger groups & families welcome... make your reservations today by calling (207) 824-2175 x 0 or visit [www.bethelin.com](http://www.bethelin.com) for more.

#### Local Craft & Wares Fair Friday, November 25

Avoid the mall insanity on Black Friday - shop locally with 35+ handmade craft vendors right in the village of Bethel. Located at the Bethel Inn Resort's Conference Center, the fair features Christmas and home decor, jewelry, toys, accessories, art, natural bath & beauty products, and lots more and runs from 9am-4pm. FMI: [www.bethelmaine.com](http://www.bethelmaine.com)

#### S. Timberlake Grand Opening Friday, November 25

S.Timberlake, makers of Shaker and Custom furniture, invites you to see their new collection of home furnishings and their popular Shaker chairs and counter stools. Featured items include S. Timberlake's trademark woodenware and cutting boards, Shaker boxes from Brent Rourke, and lithopane night lights from Porcelain Garden. Events will include tours of the workshops, Shaker chair seat weaving, refreshments, and door prizes. Open 9am-6pm

#### Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides at Wares Fair Friday, November 25

Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn from 1-3pm for rides through historic Bethel village. Rides given by Deepwood Farm and sponsored by Pepsi Beverages Company.

#### Ski Museum's Made in Maine Fireside Chat Friday, November 25

The story of Maine's long history of manufacturing ski equipment, its demise in the late 20th century, and renaissance in the 21st century. At the Bethel Historical Society, Broad Street from 7-9pm.

#### Demo Days at Sunday River November 26 & 27

Try before you buy the latest and greatest new ski and snowboard gear from top manufacturers! FMI: [www.sundayriver.com](http://www.sundayriver.com)

#### Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides Saturday, November 26

Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn from 1-3pm for rides through historic Bethel Village. Rides given by Deepwood Farm and sponsored by Pepsi Beverages Company.

#### Fireworks at Sunday River Saturday, November 26

From 8:30-10pm. Best viewing is slopeside at South Ridge or The Foggy Goggle deck.

#### Rotary's Country Breakfast Sunday, November 27

From 7:30-11am at Gould Academy's Ordway Hall. All-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast! Adults \$8 (\$10 at door), children \$5. Proceeds benefit community projects and scholarships.

#### Bethel Area Giving Tuesday at The Gem Theater Tuesday, November 29

12:00PM: Coffee time with BANC—We'll be stationed in the lobby, sharing coffee with community members stopping by, and checking in with BANC members on how well they are doing with their funding goals for the day. Computers available for making your online donation to any of these great not-for-profit organizations!

3:00-5:00PM: Poetic Bethel: Craft Talk and Discussion with Richard Blanco. Enjoy this poetry primer on sensory details exploring the connection between poetry and place, and try your hand at penning a poem about the Bethel region! (\$10 - Register at The Gem website)

5:00-6:30PM: Social Hour—Local beer for purchase and free hors d'oeuvres provided by BANC members.

6:30-8:00PM: Kids' Movies for the younger crowd, and three short films featuring local communities for the grown-ups: "Reviving the Freedom Mill" based in Freedom, ME, with brief talk by Nancy Smith of Grow Smart, Maine. "Mainland" a documentary about Skowhegan, ME including Q & A with Skowhegan farmer featured in the film, Sarah Smith.

"Thousand Feet and Below," a documentary about Maine's community-based ski areas, including our own Mt. Abram. If you haven't seen this yet, it's a must see! \$5 suggested donation at the door.

#### Community Supper Wednesday, November 30

Join others in the community at Bethel Alliance Church for a wonderful meal free of charge from 4:30-6pm.

### Cranberry-Gorgonzola Green Salad

**1/3 cup** vegetable oil  
**1/4 cup** seasoned rice vinegar  
**3/4 tsp** Dijon mustard  
**1 clove** garlic, pressed  
**1 small head** Bibb lettuce, torn  
**1 apple**, chopped  
**1/3 cup** coarsely chopped walnuts, toasted  
**1/3 cup** dried cranberries  
**1/3 cup** crumbled Gorgonzola cheese

*Whisk together first 4 ingredients in a small bowl; set aside. Just before serving, combine Bibb lettuce and next 5 ingredients in a large bowl. Pour dressing over salad and toss gently. Serves 8.*

### Rosemary-Garlic Turkey

**1 1/4 oz** can chicken broth  
**1 cup** butter, sliced  
**1/2 cup** white wine or chicken broth  
**2 sprigs** fresh rosemary  
**1 lemon**, zest removed and fruit sliced  
**2 tbsp** honey  
**12 lb.** turkey, thawed if frozen  
**1 tsp** salt  
**1/2 tsp** pepper  
**10 cloves** garlic, peeled

*Combine broth, butter and the half-cup of wine or broth in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Add rosemary and lemon zest. Simmer over low heat for 20 minutes. Stir in honey. Remove from heat and set aside, keeping warm. Pat turkey dry and remove giblets. Sprinkle turkey with salt and pepper. Place turkey breast-side up on a wire rack in a roasting pan. Add lemon slices and garlic to roasting pan. Roast turkey at 350 degrees for about three hours, basting with broth mixture every 30 minutes, until a meat thermometer inserted into thigh reads 165 degrees. Transfer to a serving platter and let stand 20 to 30 minutes before carving. Serves 10.*

### Loaded Mashed Potato Casserole

**5 to 6** potatoes, peeled and cubed  
**1/2 cup** milk  
**8 oz.** pkg. cream cheese, softened  
**8 oz.** container sour cream  
**2 tsp** dried parsley  
**1 tsp** garlic salt  
**1/4 tsp** nutmeg  
**3/4 cup** shredded Cheddar cheese  
**12 slices** bacon, crisply cooked and crumbled

*Cover potatoes with water in a large saucepan and bring to a boil over medium heat. Reduce heat, simmer for 20 to 25 minutes. Drain well. Mash until light and fluffy. In a large bowl, beat together all ingredients except Cheddar cheese and bacon until smooth and creamy. Spoon into a lightly greased 13"x9" baking pan and sprinkle with cheese and bacon. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until heated through. Serves 10 to 12.*

### Twice-Baked Sweet Potatoes

**6** sweet potatoes  
**1/2 cup plus 1 tbsp** butter, melted and divided  
**6 tbsp** apple juice  
**2 tbsp** brown sugar  
**1/2 tsp** ground ginger  
**1 cup** mini marshmallows  
**1/2 cup** sweetened flaked coconut

*Bake sweet potatoes at 375 degrees for 50 to 60 minutes, until tender. Cool slightly. Partially slice potatoes lengthwise and scoop out centers, leaving eighth-inch thick shells. Mash potato pulp in a medium bowl. Add half-cup butter, apple juice, brown sugar and ginger. Beat until fluffy. Spoon into shells. Mix together marshmallows, coconut and remaining butter, then spoon over potatoes. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes, until heated through. Makes 6 servings.*

### Honey-Kissed Acorn Squash

**2** acorn squash, halved lengthwise and seeded  
**3 tbsp** honey  
**1/4 cup** butter, melted  
**2 tbsp** chopped pecans  
**2 tbsp** sweetened dried cranberries or cherries  
**2 tbsp** crushed pineapple  
**Garnish:** Nutmeg

*Place squash halves, cut-side up in a microwave-safe dish. Microwave on high setting until tender, about 8 to 10 minutes. Combine remaining ingredients except nutmeg. Spoon into squash halves. Microwave on high setting for 30 to 45 seconds, until heated through and slightly glazed. Sprinkle with nutmeg. Serves 4.*

### Cranberry-Pecan Stuffing

**1 cup** onion, chopped  
**1 cup** celery chopped  
**1/2 cup** butter  
**16 oz.** can whole-berry cranberry sauce  
**2 tbsp** chicken bouillon granules  
**16 slices** bread, cubed and dried  
**1 cup** chopped pecans  
**2 tsp** poultry seasoning  
**3 cups** water

*In a large skillet over medium heat, cook onion and celery in butter until onion is translucent. In a small saucepan over low heat, combine cranberry sauce and bouillon, stirring until bouillon is dissolved. Combine remaining ingredients in a large bowl. Add onion and cranberry mixtures. Gently blend. Spoon stuffing into greased 3-quart casserole dish. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 30 minutes, or until heated through. Makes 10 to 12 servings.*

### Honey Wheat Bread

**1/2 cup** honey  
**2 tbsp** salt  
**2 envelopes** active dry yeast  
**2 cups** milk  
**1/2 cup** butter, melted  
**2 eggs**, beaten  
**4 1/2 cups** all-purpose flour  
**4 cups** whole-wheat flour  
**Garnish:** additional melted butter

*Mix together honey, salt, and yeast in a large bowl and set aside. Heat milk until very warm, about 120 to 130 degrees. Add milk to honey mixture, along with remaining ingredients except garnish. Knead until a smooth stretchy consistency is reached. Place in a greased bowl, cover and set in a warm place. Let rise until double, about 2 to 3 hours. Punch down. Divide dough and form into 5 round loaves. Place loaves on lightly greased baking sheets, 2 to 3 per sheet. Let rise for one additional hour. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes. Brush tops of loaves with butter when done. Makes 5 loaves.*

### Perfect Pumpkin-Apple Cake

**1/2 cup** butter, softened  
**1 1/2 cups** brown sugar, packed  
**1 cup** canned pumpkin  
**3 eggs**  
**2 cups** all-purpose flour  
**2 tsp** baking powder  
**1/4 tsp** baking soda  
**1 tsp** cinnamon  
**1/4 tsp** salt  
**Optional:** chopped walnuts or pecans to taste  
**21 oz.** can apple pie filling  
**12 oz.** container frozen whipped topping, thawed

*In a large bowl, beat together butter and brown sugar with an electric mixer on low speed until well mixed. Beat in pumpkin and eggs until well blended. In a separate bowl, sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon and salt. Slowly add flour mixture to butter mixture, beat for 2 minutes. Fold in nuts, if using. Spoon pie filling into a slow cooker, pour batter over pie filling. Cover and cook on high setting for 1 1/2 to 2 hours, until a toothpick test clean. Garnish servings with a dollop of whipped topping. Serves 8.*

### Fudge Brownie Pie

**1 cup** sugar  
**1/2 cup** margarine, melted  
**2 eggs**, beaten  
**1/2 cup** all-purpose flour  
**1/3 cup** baking cocoa  
**1/4 tsp** salt  
**1 tsp** vanilla extract  
**1/2 cup** chopped walnuts  
**Garnish:** vanilla ice cream

*Beat sugar and margarine together. Add eggs and mix well. Stir in flour, cocoa and salt, then mix in vanilla and nuts. Pour into a greased and floured 9-inch pie plate. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes. Cut into wedges and top with scoops of vanilla ice cream. Serves 6 to 8.*





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## Make the most of your Black Friday shopping

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Black Friday is one of the biggest shopping days of the year, and is often the perfect time to begin holiday shopping and save money on incredible deals. Thousands of eager shoppers will leave their homes in the early morning hours and wait in lines at stores in order to grab the best prices of the season, while retailers will be gearing up to lure the greatest number of shoppers. Surviving the day unscathed and arriving home with discounts galore involves having a game plan for success.

**Know the prices of the items you want to buy.** Scour advertisements in advance of Black Friday to gauge the regular retail prices for common items, including electronics. Comparison shop for the best prices and make notes to help you when Black Friday arrives.

**Understand the fine print of "door busters."** Door buster sales are meant to get shoppers into stores, where retailers hope shoppers will make additional purchases while taking advantage of advertised deals. If door buster items are all you're looking for, read the advertisements carefully, noting the start and end time of the discounts and if there will be limited quantities. In addition, determine if there is a special return policy for sale items purchased on Black Friday.

**Dress for comfort.** Wear sensible, comfortable shoes and clothing when shopping. Leave a large purse at home and opt for something compact that can be draped securely over your shoulder and body to navigate the crowds. Keep your coat in the car or make use of a coat check service if available. Dress in layers if you will be waiting outside for stores to open. This way you can shed clothing as the mercury rises or when you get inside.

**Arrive together but shop separately.** The "divide and conquer" method of shopping allows everyone in your shopping party to score good deals. Split up shopping tasks and then head to different areas of the store. Share and collect your purchases when you meet up after the rush.

**Make a list and stick to it.** Buyers' remorse come Saturday morning is common for those who have over-extended their budgets and purchased items they did not need. Know ahead of time what you plan to purchase and do not veer off course.

**Scout the stores ahead of time.** Visit the stores where you plan to shop a few days before Black

Friday. Learn the layout of the store and where everything is located. Try on certain clothes or read over the labels of big-ticket items you plan to buy. Knowing where items are located and having all of your information in advance will cut down on the time it takes to find items on Black Friday.

**Don't overlook nontraditional stores.** Many other stores, from pharmacies to supermarkets, stock items apart from food and toiletries. Consider taking advantage of their sales for some Black Friday deals.

**Clean out your car prior to shopping.** Make room in the trunk or cargo area for all of your purchases. For those who will be buying large, heavy items, find out if the store will ship the merchandise or will hold it aside until you can take it home. Understand that some stores will not hold items and enlist a friend or spouse to help you pack purchases into the car.

**Promptly store receipts.** Designate a folder or envelope for all of your receipts to keep them organized and handy.

**Pack a small snack and drink.** It's easy to become dehydrated and hungry waiting in long lines, which can compromise your decision-making abilities. Bring a snack so that you can recharge your body and continue shopping.

**Leave the kids at home.** Black Friday shopping can be stressful, and children can easily get lost or bumped around in the fray. It is safer to leave them home so you can focus your full attention on shopping.

**Know when to call it quits.** Establish a firm cut-off time for ending your shopping excursion. This way you can head home, rest and sort through your purchases.



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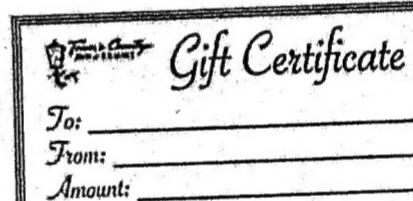
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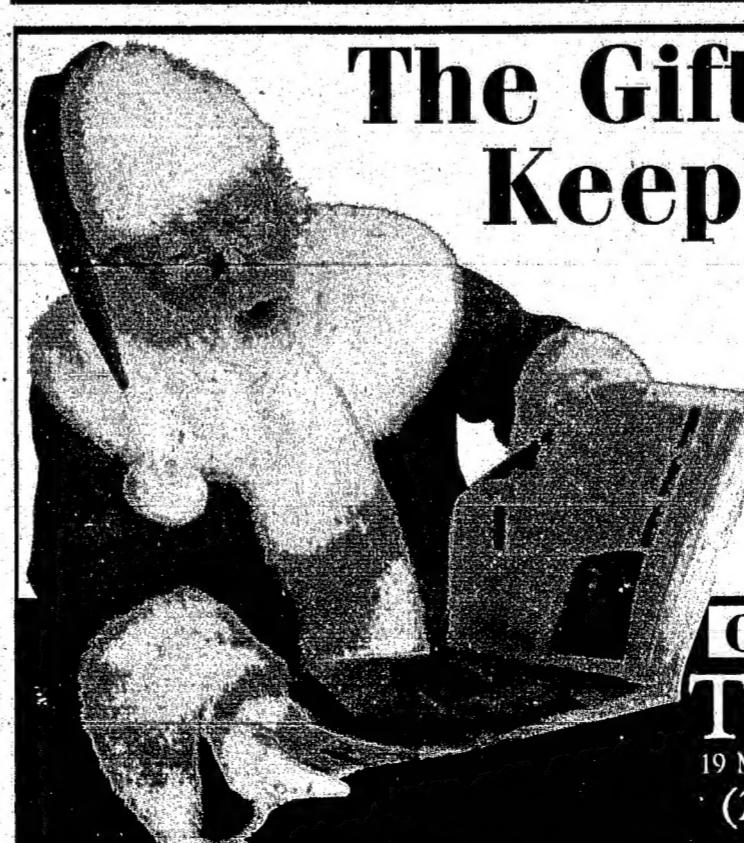
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## OCS&WCD awards dinner

The public is cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Oxford County Soil & Water Conservation District on Dec. 3 at the First Congregational Church of Paris in South Paris. Starting at 5:30, there will be a time for visiting, followed by dinner, awards, and entertainment. Guest Speaker for the evening will be Scott Vlaun of CEBE, Center for an Ecology-Based Economy.

Award presentations will be made to the following individuals and businesses:

Partnership Award - SWOAM (Small Woodlot Owners of Maine)

For the past few years, SWOAM and OCSWCD have partnered to bring several workshops and training to the Oxford County area. These included a visit to the Tenmile River Demonstration Forest in Brownfield, Invasive Forest Pest, and Invasive Plant ID and Non-Traditional Forest Products.

Lifetime Achievement Award: Jane Heikkilä

For the past 25 years, Jane has been the first face folks would see when visiting Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Oxford and Androscoggin counties. Her outlook is best described as follows. When asked to tell a bit about her history with the district, she made a huge list and headed it "Special People I Got to Work With." She says "At the end of each work day, there was the satisfaction of knowing a passion to help others had been accomplished. The greatest satisfaction was working together with so many people over the years with the Soil and Water Conservation Districts to have a positive impact on our natural resources." She put her heart into her work and her retirement will leave a big hole in our offices!

Award for Continuing Support of Educational Programs

Oxford County Extension Service

Annual Local Working Group meetings are held at the Extension Office each year in late November to early December to provide recommendations for the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). For several years we have worked together on Learning Stations for Agriculture & Conservation Day at Waterford and Oxford Fairs. This year we're very proud to have had a new Envirothon Team in Oxford County made up of a group of 4-Hers. These teens studied hard and competed at the Southwest Regional Envirothon held at the Robert's Farm in Norway. As part of their studies, they also attended our Invasive Forest Pest Presentation.

First Baptist Church of Paris

With its large, comfortable space Cummings Hall at First Baptist Church is a wonderful place to hold workshops. Some of the events and workshops held in the past few years include How to Build a Farm Pond, Trout Stocking (for your private pond), Invasive Forest Pest Survey complete with Walk 'n

Talk around historic Paris Hill and Non-traditional Forest Products such as fiber, food, herbs, medicinal, ornamentals, resins, seeds and Maine Woods Icons (walking sticks and balsam pillows).

### 2016 Volunteer Awards

Marilyn Jones

Miss Marilyn has helped with Agriculture & Conservation Day at both Waterford and Oxford Fair for several years as our "registration" lady. She likes drawing the names for door prizes, too!

Linda Hooker/Hooker Family Farm

Linda has been part of Agriculture & Conservation Day for a long time! She also volunteered her help at the Southwestern Envirothon this year and lends a hand wherever needed. Her farm in Oxford has hosted the Annual Plant & Tree Sale for the past two years.

Oxford Hills Christian Academy

This is the third time we've given the high school students at OCHA an award for volunteerism and it is richly deserved. These teens are amazing! In addition to their help with Agriculture & Conservation Day at the Oxford County Fair this year they volunteered at the Southwestern Regional Envirothon as runners for each of the stations, prepared snacks and food for over 100 people – and stayed for clean-up. We couldn't do it without their help!

### 2016 Annual Photo Contest

The winner of the first place photo is titled "Spring" by Lori Hill of Waterford. Lori will receive a prize package of items provided by the Paris Farmers Union, Aubuchon Hardware and Young's Greenhouse. Photos receiving Honorable Mention are: "A Walk in Maine Woods" by nine-year-old Hunter Koskela of Bethel, "Loons on Hall's Pond" by Charles Martin of South Paris and "Winter" by Lori Hill of Waterford.

### 2016 Oxford County Big Tree Contest

Certificates and prizes for winners of the 2016 Oxford County Big Tree Contest will be awarded for finders of seven new county champs, including the amazing new Chestnut tree found in Lovell, which has been declared the "tallest" Chestnut tree in North America. Other "Big Trees" found this year included American Elm, Black Cherry, Balsam Fir, Common Juniper, Black Spruce and Witch Hazel.

There will also be a ticket auction with lots of great items - just in time for the holidays! Guests may purchase tickets for a chance on several nice items and certificates.

The OCSWCD Annual Reports will be available online by early December.

Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. You may reserve your seat(s) by calling us at 743-5789, ext. 111, or by contacting us at oxfordcountyswcd@gmail.com. Please join us for an interesting and enjoyable evening. RSVP by Nov. 25.



**LITTLE HELPING HANDS**-On Sunday Girl Scout Daisy Troop 2100 helped Dave Bean at the Bethel Area Food Pantry put together 57 Thanksgiving meal baskets for area families. Pictured are, from left: Skylar Dunn, Dave Bean, Stella Dunn, Parker Gilman, Cody-Ann Scanlon, Idella Cooley, Quinn Coolidge, Kylee Coffin, Natalie Charette, Isla DeCato. The Daisies will host a Classic Holiday Movie Fundraiser on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 12:30 p.m. at The Gem to raise money for the Food Pantry. All of the ticket sales will go to the Food Pantry. In addition, A LuLaRoe Boutique will be there. A portion of those sales will go to the Food Bank.

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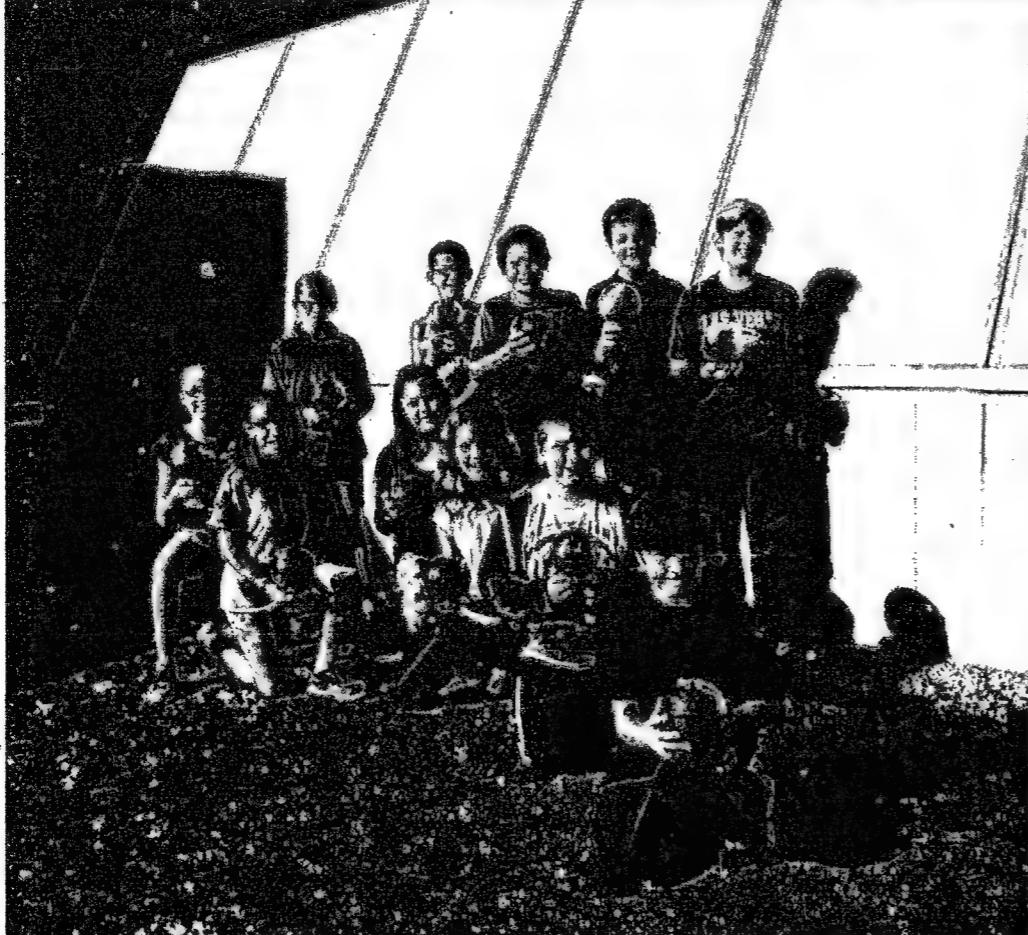
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## TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL



Students in Kate Slattery's science class at TMS science class made terrariums using materials donated from a childhood friend of Mrs. Slattery.

## WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY



Woodstock Elementary fifth-graders at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute. Students took on the role of scientists and participated in hands-on research to investigate how humans are affecting the lobster population in the Gulf of Maine.

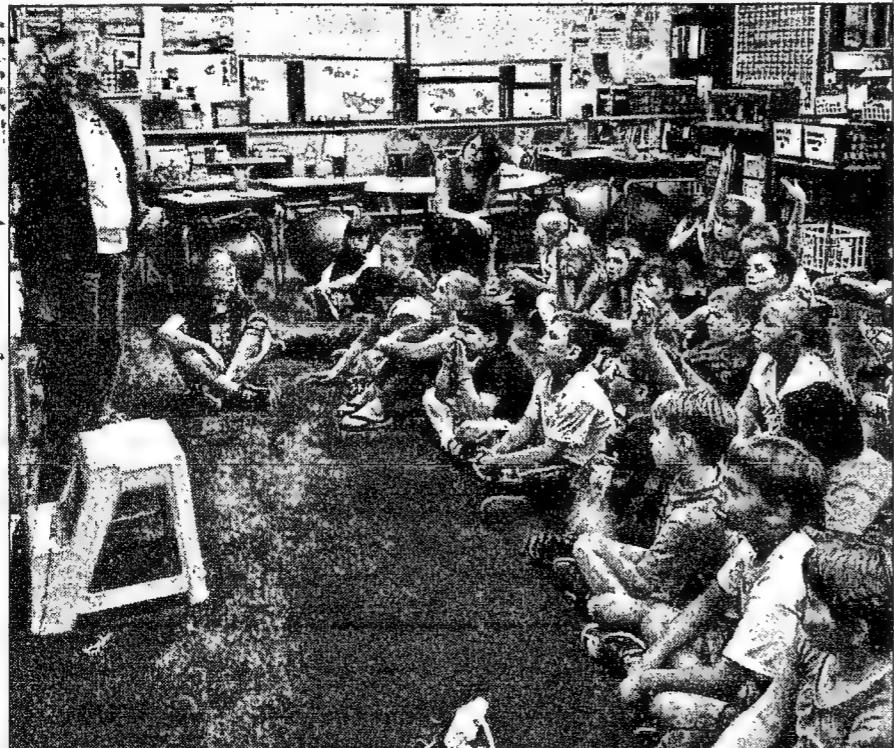
## CRESCENT PARK SCHOOL



Miss Haines's class hosted a mock election for the fourth and fifth grades at CPS. Here Sylvia McClure and Jocelyn Nivus are checking in Kaden Paaso. The class is learning about government, and running an election was a great learning experience.



Veteran's Day Guest - A big thank you goes out to Mr. Chapman (Vincent and Emma's father) for sharing what life is like in the military to all our second graders at CPS. He has been in the Navy and is currently serving in the Army. He shared his uniforms, prepackaged food used when on duty, his day-to-day activities, and pictures taken from times when he was on active duty. It was both interesting and informative!



Community Experts Teach Biodiversity to CPS Second Graders-Left, Judy Coolidge-Cross explains the tree - animal connection. Right, students looking over a variety of animal furs.



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Friday, Nov. 25

**Local Craft & Wares Fair at the Bethel Inn Resort Conference Center;** Avoid the mall insanity on Black Friday - shop locally with 35+ handmade craft vendors right in the village of Bethel. Christmas and home decor, jewelry, toys, accessories, art, natural bath & beauty products, and lots more. Organized by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. [www.bethelmaine.com/countrychristmas](http://www.bethelmaine.com/countrychristmas)

**Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides;** Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn for rides through historic Bethel Village. 1-3 p.m. Sponsored by Pepsi Beverages Co.

**Made in Maine: 100-Plus Years of Craftsmanship in Skiing;** Ski Museum of Maine's Fireside Chat, 7 p.m. at Bethel Historical Society Exhibit Hall. The presentation tells the story of our state's long history of manufacturing ski equipment, the demise of the industry in the late 20th century and its current renaissance in the 21st. Free and open to the public.

Saturday, Nov. 26

**Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides;** Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn for rides through historic Bethel village. 1-3 p.m. Sponsored by Pepsi Beverages Co.

Sunday, Nov. 27

**Bethel Rotary Country Breakfast;** 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Ordway Hall, Gould Academy, Church Street, Bethel. Adults (\$10 at the door) and children \$5. Tickets may be purchased from the website or from any Rotarian. Proceeds from the breakfast benefit Rotary's local scholarships and community projects. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Bethel. FMI: [www.BethelRotary.org](http://www.BethelRotary.org)

Monday, Nov. 28

**Waterford Library;** Book Reading and Adult Coloring with Julie Yarbrough, 7 p.m. Local artist and fiber artist will introduce her new coloring book, "Dances With Wools;" a fiber animal fantasy original coloring book. The author and illustrator will talk about her book, fiber art and answer questions. Books will be available for purchase. Celebrate the release of her coloring book with some adult coloring and refreshments. Wine glasses and all art materials are provided at this free event.

Tuesday, Nov. 29

**Seniors Plus Medicare Choices;** one on one counseling on Medicare Choices during the fall open enrollment period. Free individual one-hour counseling by appointment only. Telstar High School, 12 p.m.-5 p.m. To sign up: call 800-427-1241 and ask for the Bethel site. Walk-ins are not accepted.

**"Giving Tuesday,"** 12 p.m.-8 p.m. Giving Tuesday is a day to give back to your community. To celebrate and support nonprofit groups in our community, the Bethel Area Nonprofit Collaborative is hosting a Poetry Craft Talk and Discussion with Richard Blanco; a social hour with food and drink; and a suite of films about community strength and resilience. Please join with several of the Bethel region's nonprofit organizations for food, conversation and films between 12 noon and 8 p.m. at The Gem Theater. For complete details, and to register for "Poetic Bethel with Richard Blanco" (cost is \$10), please visit [www.thegemtheater.com](http://www.thegemtheater.com). FMI: BANC Network Facilitator Amy Scott at (207) 357-3189.

Wednesday, Nov. 30

**Story Time;** 10 a.m., Bethel Library, 5 Broad Street. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring preschoolers to the library to listen to stories, explore the children's section, and check out books. If you would like to volunteer to read on an occasional or regular basis, please call the library at 824-2520.

**Reading and book signing with Anne Morin;** 6:30 p.m., Bethel Library, 5 Broad Street. Andover author, educator, and retired neuroscientist Anne Morin will read from her forthcoming book, 'Experiment Two: Murder in Seaview,' and will sell and sign copies of her first crime novel, 'Experiment One: Murder in the Lab.' Light refreshments served. FMI, 824-2580.

**Waterford Library;** 7 p.m. Yarn Art Wall Hanging. Bring your scrap yarn, swap colors with your neighbor to create a work of art. We will provide the wine glasses and all the coloring materials you will need at this free event.

**Bethel Alliance Church;** Community Supper 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. (No charge) Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Rd. (across from the Telstar parking lot). Call 207-824-2289 for more information.

Thursday, Dec. 1

**Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens;** Meeting at Woodstock Fire Station. There will be an exchange of gifts ( man - man and woman - woman.) Please bring gifts for Kids for Christmas.

Friday, Dec. 2

**Activity Night;** Telstar Middle School, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Cookies with Santa and Tree Lighting-Woodstock**

**Elementary School;** 6 p.m.-7 pm. Santa lights Woodstock's Christmas tree, then the fire department brings him over to Woodstock Elementary School where you can have cookies with him.

**Adult Mental Health First Aid;** Fryeburg at the Legion Hall on Bradley Street. This course is for anyone age 16 or older who basically lives, works or interacts with a person age 18 or over and wants to learn how to help a person experiencing a mental health challenge. The courses are free to participants with a \$5 lunch fee. For more information and to register for any of these courses, go to <http://www.namimaine.org/events> or call NAMI Maine: 1-800-464-5767 ext. 2320. For local information, you may call NAMI Western Mountains affiliate leader Dottie Adams, 364-2197.

**Christmas Tree Lighting;** 6 p.m. on the common in Bryant Pond. Following cookies with Santa at the Woodstock Elementary School.

Saturday, Dec. 3

**Rabies Clinic;** At the Bethel Fire Station from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The fee is \$16, and payment must be made in cash only. A staff member from the Bethel Town Office will be available to license dogs from Bethel, Albany, and Mason residents. Licensing fees are \$11 per dog or \$6 for spayed or neutered dogs.

**Annual Christmas Fair & Tea;** This annual event at West Parish Congregational Church will be held from 1-4 p.m. Get into the Christmas spirit as you enjoy a relaxing time with friends and neighbors around the tea table. At the fair, you will find many gift items and things to enjoy: cookies at the Cookie Walk, Tiny Treasures, Christmas Decorations, Crafts and knitted items. A special addition this year will be gifts from Kenya, the proceeds from which will benefit Kakamega Orphan Care Center.

**Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides;** Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn for rides through historic Bethel Village. 1-3 p.m. Sponsored by River View Resort.

**Breakfast with Santa-Crescent Park School;** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Pancake Breakfast with Santa followed by photos, silent auction, and book sale to benefit the 5th-grade class trip to Boston.

**Light Up Main Street Jingle Bell Walk;** 3:45 p.m.-5 p.m. Watch Main St. businesses light up one-by-one as carolers walk toward the town common to light the Christmas tree. Carolers will be given bells (donated by Bevin Bells) to tie to an ankle. Santa accompanies the parade of carolers on a fire truck. Meet at Philbrook Place by 3:45 p.m. to participate. Tree lighting on the common will take place at approximately 4:45 p.m.

**Classic Holiday Movie Fundraiser;** One hour of classic holiday movies sponsored by Girl Scout Daisy Troop 2100. Tickets \$6. 100 percent of ticket sales will be donated to the Bethel Community Food Pantry. There will be a Lula Roe Boutique. A portion of sales will go to the Food Pantry. At The Gem Theater, 23 Cross St., Bethel. 207-824-8248. <http://www.thegemtheater.com/products/classic-holiday-movie-fundraiser-12-3-16-12-30>

**Annual Meeting of the Oxford County Soil & Water Conservation District;** First Congregational Church of Paris, South Paris. Starting at 5:30, there will be a time for visiting, followed by dinner, awards, and entertainment. Guest speaker for the evening will be Scott Vlaun of CEBE, Center for an Ecology-Based Economy. There will also be a ticket auction with lots of great items - just in time for the holidays! Guests may purchase tickets for a chance on several lovely items and certificates. You may reserve your seat(s) by calling us at 743-5789, ext. 11, or by contacting us at [oxfordcountyswcd@gmail.com](mailto:oxfordcountyswcd@gmail.com)

**Christmas at the Mason House;** The Bethel Historical Society's annual old-fashioned Christmas open house will take place at the historic Dr. Moses Mason House (corner of Broad and Mason streets). Decorated in traditional 19th-century style and lit by candles, the first-floor period rooms in Bethel Hill's oldest surviving home will be open to the public from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Visitors will be able to step back in time as they enjoy old-style refreshments in the formal dining room and harp music performed in the parlor by Conn St. Pierre. The event is free, but donations will be welcome.

**Baptist Church Christmas party;** 2 p.m. Bryant Pond Baptist Church. There will be snacks, a giveaway, and a Yankee Swap.

Sunday, Dec. 4

**Mahoosuc Community Band annual Christmas Concert;** 4 p.m. at West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel. The concert will be a mix of traditional music and Christmas favorites. Donations to defray the cost of music accepted at the door. Refreshments to follow.

**The Western Maine Art Group Christmas Party;** Matolcsy Art Center, 480 Main Street, Norway, from 5 to 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served and live music will be provided by pianist Matt Draper. All are invited to come and meet our artists and enjoy their work. We will have an exhibit and sale of 10x10 paintings for \$100 which will be our fundraiser to be used toward MAC improvements.

Wednesday, Dec. 7

**Holiday arrangement workshop;** Join McLaughlin

Garden & Homestead between 2 and 6 p.m. to create a holiday arrangement for your table. Bring a bowl or other small vessel, and we'll supply the greens and natural materials at the cost of \$5 per arrangement. We will have ribbons, Oasis, and notions available for purchase.

**Snow Valley Sno-Goers Snowmobile Club Potluck Supper and Meeting;** 6 p.m. at their clubhouse off Route 5 in Andover. Following the supper, club members will hold their regularly scheduled meeting. If you have questions or concerns regarding the activity of snowmobiling in Andover please come to the meeting and potluck supper. Anyone interested in snowmobiling in the area or becoming a club member is welcome to join our supper and Please bring a dish to share.

Thursday, Dec. 8

**The Gould Academy Chamber Ensemble;** There will be a performance at the United Methodist Church on Main Street in Bethel on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. They will be performing works by Vivaldi, Piazzolla, and Tchaikovsky. The Chamber Ensemble is directed by Gould's Edison Quinatao and coached by Thomas Mesa through the distance learning partnership between Gould and the Manhattan School of Music. These coaching sessions take place online via a video conferencing studio located on the Gould campus. The instrumentation for this ensemble includes four violins, two cellos, three flutes, and piano. There will also be two solo piano performances of Liszt and Beethoven as well as a piano and violin duet performing a work by John Williams. This concert is free and open to the public and seating is general admission. The program will be about one hour in length. Don't miss this chance to see some world-class musicians perform. Please join us for an evening of delightful classical music.

**Christmas Sing-a-long;** The Oxford Hills Ukulele group, along with Jim Burke on the keyboard, back by popular demand, will be at the Whitman Memorial Library in Bryant Pond at 2 p.m. The program is open to the public at no charge. Holiday refreshments will be served. Come and join the fun.

Friday, Dec. 9

**West Paris Library 90th Anniversary;** in conjunction with the annual "Let Your Light Shine" celebration, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

**LRCC Winter Concerts;** 3 p.m. at the Twitchell Chapel at the Bridgton Academy in North Bridgton. The program offers a great variety of musical styles from the classical to popular and everything in between.

Saturday, Dec. 10

**Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides;** Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn for rides through historic Bethel village. 1-3 p.m. Sponsored by Franklin Savings Bank

**Bryant Pond Baptist Church Ladies Day Out;** 2 p.m. trip to Community Theater in Auburn to see "A Christmas Carol."

Sunday, Dec. 11

**LRCC Winter Concerts;** 7 p.m. at the Twitchell Chapel at the Bridgton Academy in North Bridgton. The program offers a great variety of musical styles from the classical to popular and everything in between.

Monday, Dec. 12

**Bethel selectmen's meeting;** 6 p.m. at Town Office.

Tuesday, Dec. 13

**Rotary Annual Holiday Senior Luncheon;** at the Locke Mills Legion Hall, noon. Share in fellowship and feast on a ham dinner with all the fixins.

**Telstar High & Middle School Winter Concert;** 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 14

**Bethel Senior Citizens Club;** Meeting and dinner at the Sudbury at 11 a.m. The menu is beef steak or baked haddock. Reservations must be before Dec. 1, by calling Arlene Lowell at 824-2877 with your choice. The price of a meal is \$15.

Friday, Dec. 16

**Youth Mental Health First Aid Course;** West Parish Congregational Church, Church St., Bethel. This course focuses on recognizing and responding to mental health challenges in adolescents/teens. Free to participants with a \$5. lunch fee. For more information and to register for any of these courses, go to <http://www.namimaine.org/events> or call NAMI Maine: 800-464-5767 ext. 2320. For local information, you may call NAMI Western Mountains, ME affiliate leader Dottie Adams, 364-2197.

Saturday, Dec. 17

**Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides;** Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn for rides through historic Bethel Village. 1-3 p.m. Sponsored by Smokin' Good BBQ.

Saturday, Dec. 24

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service;** 5 p.m. First Universalist Church of West Paris.

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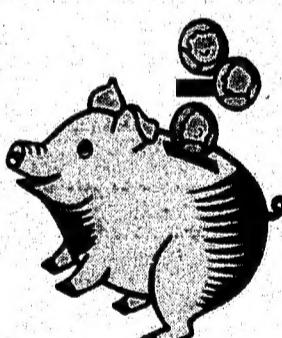
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## Obituaries

**SANFORD A. RICKER**

Sanford A. Ricker, 78, of Bryant Pond, died Nov. 19, 2016 at Ledgeview Living Center in West Paris after a long battle with cancer.

He was born on April 6, 1938 on the Ricker farm in Pinhook (Woodstock).

The son of Lucy (Ricker) Cox, but was raised by his uncle Edwin Ricker.

He attended school at Woodstock. On July 14, 1961, he married Martha (Cox) Ricker.

Sanford worked hard all of his life. He worked for many people as a woodcutter, large equipment operator, millworker and at the town transfer station. He loved to hunt and fish.

Sanford is survived by his four children, Emery, Ruth Howe and her husband Cliff, Dale Gaudreau and her husband David and Sanford "Wayne," four grandchildren, Samantha Wheelock and her husband Tony, Zane Howe, Emily Gaudreau com.

and Alex Gaudreau; four great grandchildren, John Howe, Kole Every, Emma and Hannah Wheelock; a brother Waywood Taylor and his wife Faye; and two sisters Trudy Brooks and Brenda Knapp and her husband Ken.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Ledgeview Living Center for the care and kindness they gave to our father and the whole family.

There will be no services. Arrangements are under the care of Chandler Funeral Homes & Cremation Service, 45 Main St., South Paris.

Online condolences may be shared with his family at [www.chandlerfunerals.com](http://www.chandlerfunerals.com).

## December services of West Paris Universalist Church

It is the most wonderful time of the year, because many of us share special moments of comfort and joy with family and friends. Please join us for Sunday worship services at 9 a.m. Services are provided by The Reverend Fayre Stephenson, guest speakers, and the Worship Service Committee. All are welcome to attend. And, please also remember to reach out to those who may need our comfort.

Dec. 4, 'Bring Many Names,' led by The Reverend Fayre Stephenson who provides services to our church at least twice a month. As we find ourselves in the midst of holiday busyness, sometimes we wonder what happened to the deeper meaning of the season. At this service, we who bring many theologies to Unitarian Universalism will explore our unique understandings of the divine as a source of comfort, and joy.

Dec. 18, 'Light One Candle,' led by The Reverend Fayre Stephenson. This year Christmas and the beginning of Chanukah coincide. As we and our Jewish brothers and sisters prepare to celebrate, we'll consider the sources of hope found in each of our traditional holidays.

Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5 p.m. This service will be a tra-

tional service of readings and carols for the whole family. There will be special music, a choir, and participants from the congregation. Invite your friends and families!

Dec. 11, 'The Power of Pausing,' led by guest speaker Pat Harris who will offer a reflection that will consider the value of taking time in our lives to stop - to pause - and to consider what it is that makes life worth living. Pat, a third generation UU, enthusiastically embraces lay ministry and has been practicing her passion for 28 years. She is currently a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick where she serves on the Board, Worship and Building & Grounds Committees, and facilitates a UU Writers Group. When she isn't at church, she is a writer, a quilter, an art journaler, and a "mother" to Emma Leah, a six-year-old German Shepherd, and two beloved old cats.

More. For more information about the church and services, please contact Marita Clements 674-2143, [mclements66994@roadrunner.com](mailto:mclements66994@roadrunner.com), or Bob Clifford at 674-3442, [bobclifford@megalink.net](mailto:bobclifford@megalink.net). To learn more about Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, please visit [www.uua.org/](http://www.uua.org/)

**CHRISTMAS AT THE MASON HOUSE** will take place Dec. 3 at the Bethel Historical Society.

### Christmas at the Mason House

The Bethel Historical Society's annual old-fashioned Christmas open house will take place on Saturday, Dec. 3, at the historic Dr. Moses Mason House (corner of Broad and Mason streets.) Decorated in traditional 19th century style and lit by candles, the first floor period rooms in Bethel Hill's oldest surviving home will be open to the public from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Visitors will be able to step back in time as they enjoy old-style refreshments in the formal dining room and harp music performed in the parlor by Connie St. Pierre. The event is free, but donations will be welcome.

### Annual Fund Campaign underway

Once each year, the Society asks members and friends to put a value on its work by donating to the Annual Fund. These gifts help staff and volunteers maintain daily operations while providing high-quality educational programs, exhibitions, and research activities for people of all ages. Founded in 1966, the Society collects, preserves, displays and interprets historically significant artifacts and documents relating to western Maine and the White Mountain region of Maine and New Hampshire for the benefit of residents, visitors, students, scholars, and its members. Through exhibits, programs, events, and publications, the Society strives to make the region's history meaningful, accessible, and enjoyable. Donations in any amount may be mailed to P.O. Box 12, Bethel, ME 04217 or made online by visiting the Society's website at [www.bethelhistorical.org](http://www.bethelhistorical.org).

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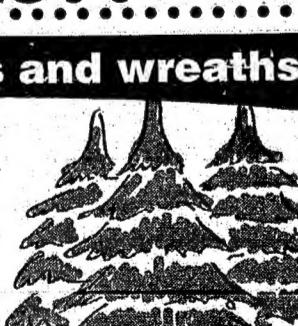
are now accepting grant applications. Applications must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2016, and awards will be decided on or before Feb. 1, 2017. Eligibility requirements for grants from the Stephens Community Health Care Foundation are tied to sustainable healthcare initiatives.

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